



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Appln. No.	10/780,291	
Filed	February 17, 2004	Group Art Unit: Unknown
Title	Metal Pallet Structure	Examiner: Unknown

DECLARATION FOR UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
(37 C.F.R. § 1.63)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my mailing address and citizenship are as stated below.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Metal Pallet Structure

the specification of which:

is attached hereto OR

was filed on February 17, 2004 as United States Application Number 10/780,291 or PCT International Application Number and amended on (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

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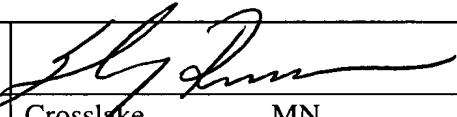
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BTD Manufacturing, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, is an owner of the patent application identified above by virtue of either:

1. An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above, a copy of which is attached.

OR

2. A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application identified above, to the current assignee as shown below:
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of **BTD Manufacturing, Inc.**

Dated: 4/19/2004

Signature: 

Name: Earl Rasmussen

Title: CEO

ASSIGNMENT

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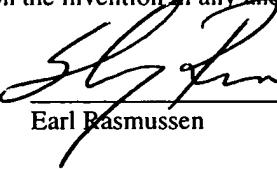
WHEREAS, I, Earl Rasmussen, residing in Crosslake, MN 56442, and I, Mark Rasmussen, residing in Lake Park, MN 56554, have invented certain new and useful improvements as described in an application entitled **Metal Pallet Structure** for Letters Patent of the United States, the application being identified in the United States Patent and Trademark Office by Application No. 10/780,291, filed February 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, BTD Manufacturing, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota, and having offices at 1111 13th Avenue S.E., Detroit Lakes, MN ("Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, the application, and any and all Letters Patent or similar legal protection, foreign or domestic, to be obtained therefor;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, I transfer to Assignee, its successors and assigns, my entire right, title, and interest in and to the invention, the above-identified patent application, corresponding domestic applications (including divisionals, continuations, and continuations-in-part), corresponding foreign applications, all Letters Patent or similar legal protection issuing thereon, and all rights and benefits under any applicable treaty or convention; and I authorize the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States or foreign equivalent thereof to issue the Letters Patent or similar legal protection to the Assignee.

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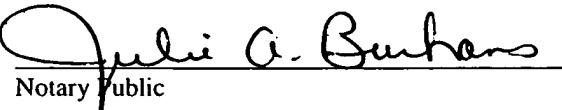


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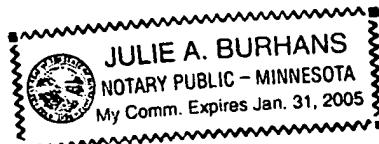
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